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Applicant: LeRoy A. Kuta et al. Examiner: Unknown
Serial No.: 09/883,144 Group Art Unit: Unassigned
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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR AUTOMATICALLY APPLYING A
FLYING SPLICING TAPE TO A ROLL OF SHEET MATERIAL

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir/Madam:

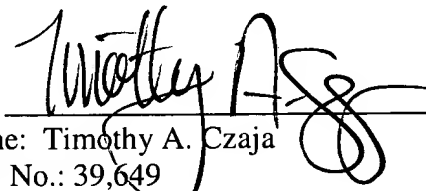
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- ☒ Transmittal Sheet containing Certificate of Mailing (1 pg.).
- ☒ Preliminary Amendment (11 pgs.).
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- ☐ Check in the amount of \$ for additional claims.
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- ☒ Return Postcard.

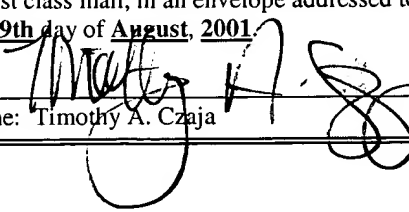
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| CLAIMS AS AMENDED | | | | | | |
|---|--|---|--|-------------------------|-----------|--------|
| | (1) Claims Remaining After Amendment | | (2) Highest Number Previously Paid For | (3) Present Extra | Rate | Fee |
| TOTAL CLAIMS | 43 | - | 43 | 0 | x 18.00 = | \$0.00 |
| INDEPENDENT CLAIMS | 3 | - | 3 | 0 | x 80.00 = | \$0.00 |
| [] MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS PRESENTED | | | | | | \$0.00 |
| TOTAL | | | | | | \$0.00 |

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